



RESOLUTION NO. 39798

1 A RESOLUTION relating to environmental services; authorizing the execution of
2 an agreement with the Department of Ecology, Washington Conservation
3 Corps, for the period of October 2, 2017, through November 9, 2018, in
4 the amount of \$608,667, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to assist
in the maintenance and restoration of the City's habitat restoration sites
and passive open spaces.

5 WHEREAS proper stewardship of the City's passive open spaces requires
6 a routine presence for invasive species control, debris removal, and native plant
7 maintenance, and

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9 WHEREAS the Environmental Services ("ES") Department has begun
10 restoration and stewardship activities on City-owned passive open space
11 properties to retain and increase surface water benefits, and

12 WHEREAS examples of restoration efforts include the creation and
13 implementation of the Schuster Slope and Mason Gulch landscape management
14 plans, as well as obligations under the Foss Waterway and Commencement Bay
15 Natural Resources Damage Assessment Consent Decrees, and

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17 WHEREAS the Department of Ecology ("Ecology"), Washington
18 Conservation Corps ("WCC") program is an AmeriCorps program administered
19 by Ecology which provides young adults between the ages 18 and 25 job and life
20 skills, as well as an educational stipend of \$5,775 at program completion, and

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22 WHEREAS the WCC is authorized under chapter 43.220 RCW to enter
23 into partnership agreements with local governments to carry out conservation
24 corps programs that meet goals associated with the protection, promotion,
25 enhancement or rehabilitation of public lands, and
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WHEREAS WCC crews perform year-round maintenance activities such as the removal of debris and invasive plants, and assist in habitat monitoring, restoration, and maintenance of the Urban Forestry plant holding facility, and

WHEREAS the City desires to sponsor three WCC crews for the 2017-2018 crew year, for the period of October 2, 2017, through November 9, 2018, at the rate of \$202,889 per crew, totaling \$608,667, budgeted from the ES Surface Water Fund, and

WHEREAS the City has sponsored WCC crews for 15 years, which has allowed for environmental maintenance and improvements in a cost-effective manner; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Department of Ecology, Washington Conservation Corps, for the period of October 2, 2017, through November 9, 2018, in the amount of \$608,667, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to assist in the maintenance and restoration of the City's habitat restoration sites and passive open spaces,



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said document to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney